forced by appropriate Governments in their respective spheres. Apart from legal measures, steps have been taken for withdrawal and rehabilitation of child labour working in hazardous occupations. 76 child labour projects have been set up for the rehabilitation of around 1.5 lakh children working in hazardous occupations. These efforts will continue till the objective of complete elimination of child labour is achieved.

Accidents in Industrial Establishments

4322. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents occurred in each Industrial establishment of the country during the last three financial years;

(b) whether some Industrial establishments have paid compensation to injured and killed labourers;

(c) if so, the details thereof State and Union Territory-wise during each year, separately for injured and killed;

(d) whether Government propose to ask all the Industrial establishments to adopt safety measures to avoid accidents in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Modernization of ESI Dispensaries

4323. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether ESI dispensaries are functioning in all districts of the country;

(b) if so, their locations, State and Union Territory-wise, also with number of people benefited during last financial year, district-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to undertake some programmes for modernistion of these dispensaries;

(d) whether Government also propose to undertake modernisation projects first in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The ESI Scheme is being gradually implemented, area wise in a phase manner. As on 31.3.96, the Scheme has been implemented at 629 Centres. The ESI dispensaries are functioning at all the Centres where the Scheme is in operation. A statement showing State-wise number of ESI dispensaries alongwith number of beneficiaries eligible for medical care and treatment from such dispensaries is annexed. (See below)

(c) to (e) The responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme vests in the respective State Governments except in Delhi and NOIDA where the ESI Corporation is administering medical care directly. Modernisation of facilities in the ESI dispensaries is an ongoing process and is carried out by the respective State Governments as and when needed. However in order to improve functioning of the ESI Dispensaries, the ESI Corporation is planning to replace the equipments in all the ESI Dispensaries including those in Andhra Pradesh as a one-time measure. The expenditure in this regard will be shared between the ESI Corporation and State Governments outside the ceiling prescribed by the Corporation.